SI. No.	States/UTs	No. of Departments/subject TRANSFERRED to Panchayats with		
		Funds	Functions	Functionaries
24.	West Bengal	12	29	12
25.	A&N Islands	06	06	06
26.	Chandigarh	—	—	—
27.	D&N Haveli	—	03	03
28.	Daman & Diu	05	09	03
29.	NCT of Delhi	Panchayati Raj System		is yet to be revived
30.	Pondicherry	—	-	— Elections have not yet been held.
31.	Lakshadweep	—	06	—

The provisions of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 are not applicable to the States of J&K Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland.

Production of Petroleum Products in Rajasthan

†3493. DR. PRABHATHAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the area of Rajasthan where the largest reserve of petroleum substances has been found;

(b) the estimated capacity of crude oil reserves found in Barmer region of Rajasthan;

(c) by when, the production of petroleum products is likely to be started from these reserves; and

(d) the share of Rajasthan in the profit of this production and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Natural Gas was discovered by Oil India Ltd. (OIL) and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) in the Jaisalmer region of Rajasthan. Crude oil discoveries were made by Caim Energy India Pty Ltd. in the Barmer region of Rajasthan.

M/s Cairn Energy India Pty Ltd have made 9 oil/gas discoveries and established 136.34 MMT of in-place reserves. Four discoveries, namely, angla, Aishwarya, Saraswati and Rageshwari have been declared as

†Ortginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

commercial and the remaining 5 discoveries are under appraisal. Regarding the commencement of crude oil production, as estimated by the operator, it is likely to start in the 3rd quarter of 2007.

OIL and ONGC have established 9.12 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM) and 3.35 BCM of in-place gas reserves as on 1.4.2004 respectively.

OIL and ONGC are producing natural gas from Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan since July, -1996 at the rate of 7.2 lakhs cubic metres per day and 0.5 lakhs cubic metres per day respectively. The produced natural gas is supplied to Rajasthan Rajya Vidhut Nigam Limited, Ramgarh for power generation through the pipeline operated by Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL).

(d) In terms of the Production Sharing Contracts (PSC) and Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959, as amended from time to time, the State Government is entitled to the petroleum exploration license fee, dead rent and royalty on crude oil and gas. The Central Government gets a share of profit petroleum under New Exploration Licensing Policy PSCs, and cess in pre-NELP blocks.

Mixture of Hydrogen Gat with Natural Gas

3494. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hydrogen Gas in being mixed with Natural Gas for being used for fuel purposes;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the advantages/befeefits accruirg out of Gas in
Natural Gas and its efficacy as efficient fuel?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) A mixture of natural gas and hydrogen could be used as a transportation fuel. Trie Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas have recently set up a Hydrogen Corups Fund with corpus of Rs 100 crore for supporting research and development in various aspects of hydrogen Demonstration project in the pipeline include using 10% hydrogen in Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) at the Indian Oil Corporation Research and Development Centre at Faridabad (planned for July 2005), and a simitar demonstration project later in Delhi. Advantages/ benefits accruing out of mixing hydrogen with natural gas, and its efficacy as a fuel in Indian road